

### **REMARKS**

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-14, 17 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Argoitia. Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Argoitia. Claims 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Argoitia in view of Nelson. Applicants respectfully traverse each of these rejections.

Claims 12, in its present form, clearly distinguishes from Argoitia. Argoitia clearly distinguishes between an absorbing and a reflective layer. Although Argoitia discloses that the absorbing layer 18 can also reflect some of the light, layer 19 is still an absorbing layer. As can be seen from column 5, lines 7 to 8, the material chosen for the reflective layer should be compatible with the subsequent layers. As it is important that the absorbing layer 18 absorbs light in a specific region of the visible spectrum and not necessarily over the whole visible spectrum, layer 18 can also reflect light in regions of the visible spectrum which are not important for the layer system.

However, because the layer 18 absorbs light in the regions of the visible spectrum which are important for the layer system, layer 18 is an absorbing layer (col. 5, lines 40 to 43 of Argoitia).

Therefore, Argoitia discloses an absorbing layer 18 and not a reflective layer 18.

Nelson fails to remedy any deficiencies of Argoitia.

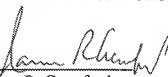
The remaining claims depend from claim 12, so they also should be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-AFILM-204-US.

Respectfully submitted

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